MR. I. C. CHACKO: The matter is under consideration.

Nagampadam Bridge.

27. * **MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the work of the Nagampadam Bridge was commenced;

(*b*) at what stage it is now;

(*c*) by what time the construction of the bridge is expected to be finished;

(*d*) what is the estimated expenditure for its construction; and

(*e*) whether serious inconvenience is being felt by the public on account of the delay in the completion of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) January 1943.

(*b*) All piles below bed level except four have been screwed down and the girders are being strengthened.

(*c*) Depends upon the availability of timber for platform and C. I. scraps for further manufacture of C. I. piles.

(*d*) Rs. 1,03,100.

(*e*) No serious inconvenience, since facilities have been provided for diverting traffic.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know from the Government why they are having difficulty in the completion of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is some difficulty in getting timber. Therefore the construction of the bridge is being delayed.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know what is the name of the timber required?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Kambagam.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: Is it available in Travancore?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, it is available.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*): നാഗംപാടം പാലം "Unsafe" എന്നെഴുതിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഡീവിയേഷൻ റോഡിലും വണ്ടി കടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നു എഴുതിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം എന്താണ്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: വലിയ ലാറികൾക്കു അതിലേ പോകാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നല്ലാതെ മറ്റു വാഹനങ്ങൾ കടന്നുപോകുന്നതിനു തടസ്സം ഒന്നുമില്ല.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ബസ്സ് അതിലേ കടന്നു പോകുമ്പോൾ ആൾ ഇറങ്ങിപ്പോകണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether the deviation road is very narrow *i. e.*, the road *via* Chungam to Ettumanoor?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is narrow.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Are lorries prohibited from passing the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, they are prohibited.

Kollakadavu Bridge.

28. ✻ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action so far taken regarding the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road; and

(*b*) whether there was any budget provision for the construction of the above bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Investigation has been conducted and trial borings have been taken. Estimate is under preparation.

(*b*) Yes. Rs. 10,000 in the budget for 1117 M. E.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (*a*) may I know from the honourable member, for how long this estimate has been under preparation?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The estimate has been under preparation during the past 8 or 9 months.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What was the delay due to?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: We are making enquiries regarding the materials required.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Was there any provision for the year 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Bridge at Kollakadavu.

29. ✻ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted for the construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu on the Mavelikara—Chengannur Road during the last three years; and

(*b*) the amount spent for the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) 1115 Nil. 1116 Nil. 1117 Rs. 10,000.

(*b*) Rs. 1,374-18-8 for investigation and Rs 245 for preliminary works.

Scarcity of small coins.

30. ✻ **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the people are put to very great inconvenience on account of the scarcity of small coins in the State?

MR. A. LEKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of the inconvenience to the public on account of the shortage of small coins which is now universal in India. With the minting and issue of copper coins from December 1942 the situation has improved and further minting of copper coins is in progress. A large stock of silver coins has also been got down now from Bombay which will be put into circulation shortly and Government expect that more normal conditions will prevail soon.

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